

# Which children qualify for Supplemental Security Income (SSI)?

We have previously discussed how Social Security Administration programs can benefit children. One of the programs that can help some children is the Supplemental Security Income program. This program is meant to help people who meet certain requirements, including requirements regarding income and resources. Understanding the eligibility requirements for SSI can help people who are trying to determine if they should apply for SSI for their child.

## Resource Limits

A child applying for SSI can have resources of up to \$2,000. This includes personal property, vehicles, land, bank accounts, financial accounts, stocks, cash and anything that can be used to support food or shelter needs. Giving away resources in order to satisfy this requirement can lead to a 36-month denial of SSI benefits.

## Other Conditions

There are several other conditions that must be met in order for a child to qualify for SSI. For example, leaving the country for 30 consecutive days or longer will result in a denial of SSI benefits. It is vital for anyone who is applying for SSI to learn about the requirements and other factors that might affect his or her application.